

## Description of Lab:

- Students in the Living Lab support and maintain teaching labs and websites for campus faculty and students.
- Learning achieved by actively applying techniques and knowledge gained from the CIT curriculum in a hands-on manner.
- All levels of experience are nurtured through mentoring and tasks assigned to match skill-set

## Requirements:

- Completion of IT core competencies
- Desire to learn by doing
- Enrollment in Living Lab course

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Gain Hands-On  
IT Experience for  
Your Real World  
Aspirations



“The time I spent in the Living Lab has been an invaluable asset to my technical education, as well as a confidence boost. Thanks!”

## Networking and Security

- Configure Routers
- Configure and Manage Servers
- Create Security Policy
- Update, Back-Up and Patch Work-Stations
- Maintain Working University Labs

## Database and Web Design

- Web Programming
- Web Site Design
- Database Design and Implementation

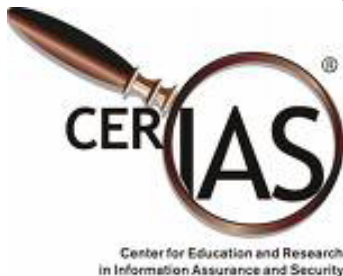
Faculty Mentor  
( IT Manager )

Systems Engineer  
(Supervisor )

Student Mentor  
( Team Leader )

Students  
( Techs )

Living Lab  
Organization  
Chart



# Living Lab: Bridging the Experience Gap

**Experiential learning** is the integration of theory and application. Experiential learning provides students with the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice, get experience in their field, and learn industry practices.

The goal of the Living Lab is to bridge the experience gap for students entering the work force. By working on projects in industry and business, students enter the competitive job market with practical knowledge in their skill set.

“In today’s ever-changing and competitive job market, businesses prefer to hire people with experience. But how do students get experience without getting a job? To help overcome this dilemma, the Department of Computer and Information Technology has developed an experiential learning program called the Living Lab.”

--*Connie Justice*

